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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form SB08 is a listing of document(s) known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document(s) is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese patent application has commented as follows:

Cited Literature 1, 2 in relation to Claims 1 through 4

Remarks:

Described in Cited Literature 1 is the fact that a scrambled signal is used as the internal signal of a switching device.

Described in Cited Literature 2 is a device which adds a reset signal to the transmission data in order to synchronize the scrambler and the descrambler, and we find no unique difficulty in making a configuration that transfers this reset signal to a separate line.

Cited Literature 1, 3 in relation to Claims 5 through 7

Remarks:

Described in Cited Literature 3 is the fact that a scrambled signal is transmitted and incorporated as the initial value of a descrambler, and we find no unique difficulty using the method described in Cited Literature 3 to set the initial value of the descrambler of the switching device described in Cited Literature 1.

List of Cited Literature

- 1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-127120
- 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-290223
- 3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-123226

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched IPC 7th Edition H4L 12/56

Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H4-162852

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H4-11424

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-172432

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Applicants respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form SB08 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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